





21 HUGE IDIOT

I THINK
OF YOU AS
MORE THAN A
CHILDHOOD
FRIEND.

I LIKE
YOU AS A
GIRL.





YOU
CAME
HOME AT
A GOOD
TIME~

NO ONE'S
USING THE
BATHROOM
NOW. TAKE
A BATH~



OH,
WELCOME
HOME.



MAKOTO
JUST SAY?

WHAT... DID

I MADE
PLENTY OF
BOILED
DISHES.
HAVE SOME~

YES? OH,
WELCOME!

GOOD
EVENING~

MY KIDS
LOVE YOUR
BOILED
DISHES,
KOZUE-
CHAN. ← Akira's
MOM!

THEY
DO? THAT
MAKES ME
HAPPY.

I WAS
ACTUALLY
THINKING
OF MAKING
ONE MORE
DISH~

MY~
THAT'S
GREAT

OH,
MY. I'M
HAPPY!

OH, IT'S
AUNTIE.
GOOD
EVENING.

GOOD
EVENING.

MY

OH,
PLEASE.
THEY'RE
LIKE A
DAUGHTER
AND SON
TO US
ALREADY.

MAKOTO
WAS AT
YOUR HOUSE
DURING THE
HOLIDAYS,
WASN'T HE?
I'M SORRY
IT'S LIKE
THAT EVERY
YEAR.



OH,
AUNTIE.

THANK
YOU. I'LL
RETURN THE
CONTAINER
TOMORROW.

I'M
GOING
HOME,
THEN~



EAT
LOTS,
OKAY?

OH,
AWESOME.
THANKS!

COME
ON, SAY
THANK
YOU.

WE
RECEIVED
BOILED
DISHES
FROM
THEM.



HOW IS
SHE?

??

...
?



OH,
NOTHING.
I JUST
HAVEN'T
SEEN HER
IN THREE
DAYS.

THE
SAME AS
USUAL.

DID
SOMETHING
HAPPEN?



UM,

...HOW'S
AKIRA?



OH, COME
TO THINK
OF IT...



NOT
REALLY.

MY, HOW
RARE. DID
YOU HAVE
A FIGHT?

ASIDE FROM
THAT, SHE'S
ACTING LIKE
USUAL...

SHE'S
LOCKED
HERSELF IN
HER ROOM TO
DO A REPORT
SHE HAS TO
SUBMIT AFTER
BREAK.

HUH?

OH, NO.

I WONDER
IF MAKOTO
HAS EXTRA
COPIER PA--

I don't
have any
left.

PER...

はた

WHY?

OH

HM? THE
PRINTER
STOPPED

Oh no...

Out of
paper

Power

Paper



WHATEVER

I'LL
TAKE A
BREAK.



...I'LL BUY
PAPER AT THE
CONVENIENCE
STORE LATER
...



HUH...

ONE
VOLUME IS
MISSING.



IT'S PRO
BABLY IN
MAKOTO'S
ROOM.

I NEED
TO GO
GET...





THIS IS THE FIRST
TIME I'M AVOIDING
MAKOTO.

IT'S BEEN THREE DAYS.



WE'RE
ALWAYS
TOGETHER
AFTER
ALL.

HE
PROBABLY
DOES.



HE'S
PROBABLY
NOTICED I'M
AVOIDING
HIM.

MAKOTO'S
FEELINGS.

...I
DIDN'T
NOTICE



IT MAKES
ME THINK, "CAN
WE NO LONGER
BE TOGETHER
AS CHILDHOOD
FRIENDS

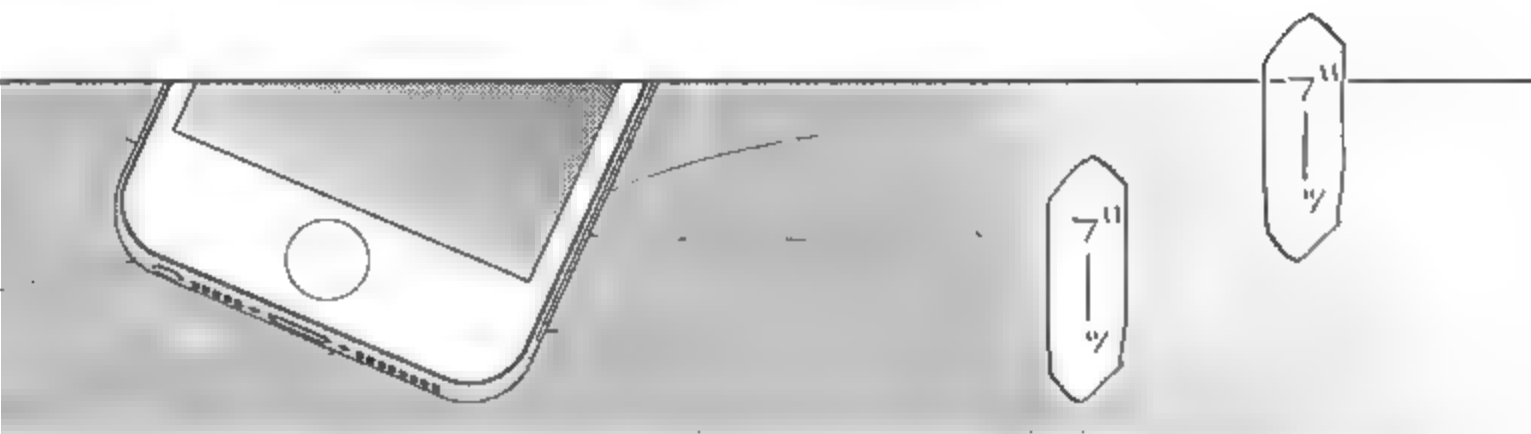
DID I NOT
WANT TO
NOTICE?

RIGHT NOW

AFTER HEARING
THOSE FEELINGS
DIRECTLY FROM
MAKOTO



LIKE
BEFORE?"





OH, THEN

DO YOU
WANT TO GO
OUT WITH ME
TOMORROW?

Great job
spinning that



I
SECOND
THE
MOTION!

I VOTE FOR
EATING AFTER
THE MATCH. I
FEEL NERVOUS
SO I WANT TO
WATCH EVERY
MATCH FIRST.

GOT
IT. SO LET'S
GRAB LUNCH
SOMEWHERE
AFTER THIS.



THE
WOMEN'S
FINALS
STARTS
AT 1PM.

WHAT
SHOULD
WE DO FOR
LUNCH?

We've got about
10 minutes.



I'M GLAD
YOU CAME
WITH ME
TODAY.

EVEN
THOUGH
IT WAS ON A
SHORT NOTICE.
THANK YOU.

THE FRIEND I
WAS SUPPOSED
TO COME WITH
SUDDENLY
BECAME SICK.



MY GRIP
JUST GOT
INCREDIBLY
STRONG FOR
A MOMENT
THERE.
YUP.

I'm confident
in my grip

N-
NOOO-
THING.

IS
THERE
SOME-
THING
WRONG?

AKIRA-CHAN,
YOU FLAT-
TENED YOUR
BURGER...

...H-HE'S
DOING
WELL~

IT'S
THINNER
AND
EASIER TO
EAT THIS
WAY, SEE.

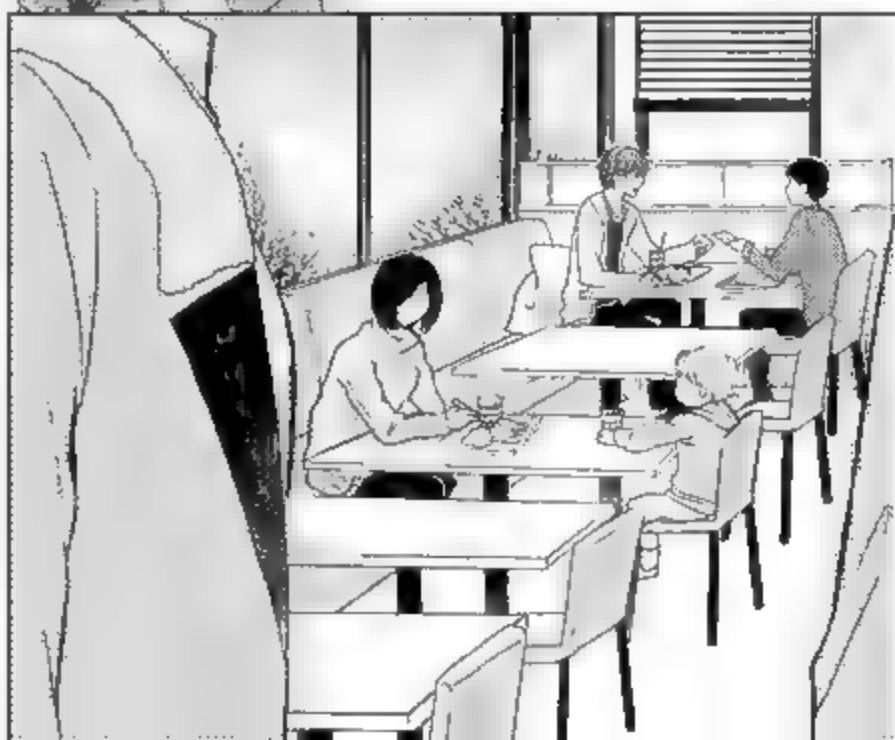
It became a
thin burger

REALLY...
ANYWAY, YOU
SHOULD WIPE
OFF THE
KETCHUP...

T-
THANKS.

Next in
line please

Welcome!







WHAT...
ARE YOU
DOING?

FUMI...
CHAN...



N-NO,
THIS
ISN'T A
DATE.

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HOW
COME?!

WE
WATCHED
A VOLLEY-
BALL
MATCH...

うん



HEY...

I'M
PRETTY
SURE I
TOLD
YOU.



WHY

ARE YOU ON
A DATE WITH
SOME OTHER
GUY...?!

!?

Huh, date?

WHAT?!



**THEN
WHY?!**



**I
TOLD YOU
NINOMIYA-
KUN LIKES
YOU,**

DIDN'T I?



WHY--

**THAT'S
!!!**



**YOU GOT
ANGRY WITH
ME BECAUSE
OF NINOMIYA-
KUN.**

**BUT IN THE
END, YOU'RE
THE ONE WHO'S
MAKING LIGHT
OF HIM AND
THIS WHOLE
THING!**



I'LL BE
TROUBLED
!!

EVEN
IF YOU
SAY IT TO
ME THAT
WAY!

EVEN
IF...!!



EVEN I'M
AT LOST
BECAUSE
OUT OF
NOWHERE
HE SAID
HE LIKES
ME....!!

MAKOTO
SUDDENLY
CHANGED--



I'M SURE
I'VE TOLD
YOU THIS
BEFORE.





YOU'RE A
PRECIOUS
EXISTENCE
WHO HAS
ALWAYS BEEN
WITH ME.

EVEN
IF YOUR
APPEARANCE
AND HEIGHT
BOTHERS
YOU

I
DON'T
CARE
ABOUT
THOSE
ONE BIT.



NO, HE
DIDN'T.

NINOMIYA-KUN
SUDDENLY
CHANGED...?



THE REA-
SON WHY YOU
CAN BE THICK-
HEADED ABOUT
NINOMIYA-KUN'S
FEELINGS THIS
WHOLE TIME



IS
BECAUSE
NINOMIYA-
KUN WAS
FINE WITH
THAT

AND HE
WAITED
PATIENTLY
ALL THIS
TIME, ISN'T
IT?

I'M

A HUGE
IDIOT.



CAN WE
NO LONGER
BE TOGETHER
AS CHILDHOOD
FRIENDS LIKE
BEFORE?



...THAT'S
ALL I
WANTED
TO SAY.

...I'M
LEAVING.



FUMI-
CHAN...

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STOP BEING
SPOILED BY HIS
KINDNESS

...AND
GIVE THIS
A LOT OF
THOUGHT.



I'M MEETING
UP WITH A
FRIEND HERE
TODAY, SO...



...JUST
SO YOU
KNOW,

I DIDN'T RUN
AFTER YOU
TODAY LIKE
LAST TIME.





